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Two Views of the Tribander at KG6AM



Dewey Churchill at the controls of KG6AM



Details of Dewey's FB Transmatch



...and the Inverted Vee

General Meeting Thursday, November 8, 2001

**Harry's Hof Brau
1909 El Camino Real,
Redwood City
(Directions & Map on Page 4)**

Program

Jerry Griffin, K6MD will share his adventures and his experiences with cultural differences while on duty in Iraq.

Social Hour ..	6:00 P.M.
Dinner	7:00 P.M.
Meeting.....	8:00 P.M.

**December 14th
Christmas Party
at the
San Mateo Marriott Hotel
For Complete Details
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President's Comments



This is being written early because George, your editor and his wife, Sylvia are off on vacation shortly. So I can't very well report about our October meeting at the new location.

The November 8th meeting will again be at Harry's Hof Brau in Redwood City. Our Vice President, Jerry, K6MD will tell us about his recent duty in Iraq. Most appropriate - no?

Jerry is also, putting together our Christmas party for December 14th at the Marriott Hotel in San Mateo (that's the old Dunphy refurbished). Ken N6RO's Dixieland group has been signed as entertainment. Details later.

It's October and time to tote up your country counts and get them to John, K6WC for the NCDXC Nine Band award. See your procedures manual for details.

Have a great time, George and Sylvia.

73, Chuck, K6RK.



**Chuck Patterson, K6RK (left) and Jerry Griffin, K6MD
at the recent NCDXC BOD Meeting.**

NCDXC Dues Information

Full and Associate Members;

<u>Date Dues are Paid</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Family Rate</u>
1 July thru 30 September	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00
1 October and after	\$24.00	Plus \$15.00

*Members who have not remitted dues by the 30 September deadline are considered dropped from the membership roles. Those desiring to renew membership may do so anytime, but will not be included in the new issue of the NCDXC Roster .

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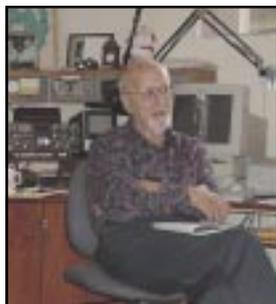
Board of Directors Meeting - October 6th

BoD meeting held October 6, 2001 at home of W6VG. Present were: President K6RK, Chuck Patterson; Vice President, K6MD, Jerry Griffin; Past President, W6KM, Dick Letrich; Treasurer, W6FDU, Ben Deovlet; Secretary, Ron Panton, W6VG; Board members, W6WB, Bud Bane, and W6TWO, Rolph Stoddard. Also attending was ex-officio board member, George Allan, W6YD.

Meeting called to order by President, Chuck Patterson at 10:07 A.M. First order of business was the club budget, which was prepared by Treasurer, Ben Deovlet. A copy was given to each board member. Planning our club budget on the chance of a profit (from the Convention) every other year, was given much thought. After much discussion, and studying the financial status of the club, the Board accepted the budget. K6MD will research 2nd class mail for the DXer mailings. Ben Deovlet, W6FDU has volunteered to handle the prizes at the next convention. George Allan has declined to head the next DX convention. Jerry Griffin, K6MD gave a very detailed report on the Christmas party. Thanks to Jerry, the charges have been lowered, so the board will accept the hotel contract, with changes made in the contract by Jerry. Details will be forthcoming in the DXer. A discussion was held regarding the club subsidizing part of the cost of the Xmas dinner, but the vote was against. Future programs were discussed, but certain equipment will be necessary for some of these. This will be looked into.

Many good programs are planned. October will be NI6T & Kingman Reef. November is K6MD and his experiences with the Kurds in Iraq. The W6DU commemorative video will be shown in March. The NCDXC relationship with the REDXA was discussed at great length, and it was decided to extend an invitation the REDXA (as well as other DX Clubs) to our Christmas party. After much discussion, it was decided to donate \$1000 to the NCDX Foundation. The 12 ex members of the NCDXC who did not renew their memberships, will receive a letter written by Chuck Patterson, K6RK. Chuck and the board would like to remind them that they are no longer members and inquire as to any specific reasons why these former members have let their membership lapse. Meeting was adjourned at 11:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Panton, W6VG Secty.



Some of the attendees at the Oct. 6th BOD Meeting. Clockwise from left: Ron, W6VG; Ben, W6FDU; George, W6YD; Bud, W6WB and; Rolph, W6TWO.



WANTED.....

With the advent of the CD and now with the advanced CD-RW computers, the old faithful 3.5 inch FLOPPY DISK is becoming a thing of the past for many computer users. As many of you know, all the pictures that I take for the Club are put on 3.5 floppies and I store them for future recall. When I first started using the Sony FD Mavica, I was able to buy diskettes at really reduced prices and I purchased several hundred at that time.

But guess what? The prices (just like gasoline) have shot way up and there are very few bargains, anymore. That's why I am asking any club members that may not have much use for their old (3.5 inch, 2HD, 1.44 MB) floppies, if they would like to pass them on for my use with the camera. For those that are some distance away, I would be happy to pay postage. They can be either formatted or unformatted. It doesn't matter if they're formatted for MAC or PC, as I will erase and re-format them anyway. No problem if they have labels. I can remove them and put on new ones. I won't matter if I receive one or 100, I will just be grateful to get them. Here's my address: (it's in the roster, but this way you won't have to look it up.)

Dick Letrich, W6KM,
3686 Kirk Road,
San Jose, CA 95124-3816.

I will certainly appreciate any donations to the cause.

Thanks and 73, Dick, W6KM



Kingman the First

One of the notable accomplishments of the NCDXC was putting Kingman Reef on the air for the first time. I was totally unaware of this until I read a copy of the July 1974 DXer which was loaned to us by Smitty, W6CS. It's particularly timely, since the program for our October meeting was to be an accounting of the 2000 DXpedition to Kingman by Garry Shapiro.

This is the first installment of that story. The story will be concluded in the December issue. - Ed.

There are very likely, many Club members (I, being one) who are unaware that the original Kingman Reef DXpedition was the result of a joint effort of the Northern California DX Foundation and the Northern California DX Club. That was in July of 1974 when KP6KR was used to activate Kingman Reef as an all time new country.

It was described in the July 1974 DXer as follows.

“Kingman Reef is 920 miles south of Honolulu, 162.25 west by 6.23 north. It's a bare, triangular reef, 9x5 miles, sheltering a lagoon with considerable depths. Captain Fanning discovered it in 1798 and Captain W. E. Kingman described it in 1853. It was annexed by the United States on May 10, 1922; and in 1934, when trans-Pacific aviation was being discussed, the reef was placed under control of the United States Navy. In 1937, Pan American Airways, pioneering the new air-mail service with flying-boats between Hawaii and New Zealand (via Eastern Samoa), used the sheltered lagoon at Kingman Reef as a half-way station between Honolulu and Pago Pago. The schooner, 'Trade Wind' was anchored there as a sort of hostel and supply ship. After a number of trial flights, the P.A.A. seaplane was lost off Pago Pago on January 11, 1938 and this route was thereafter abandoned.”

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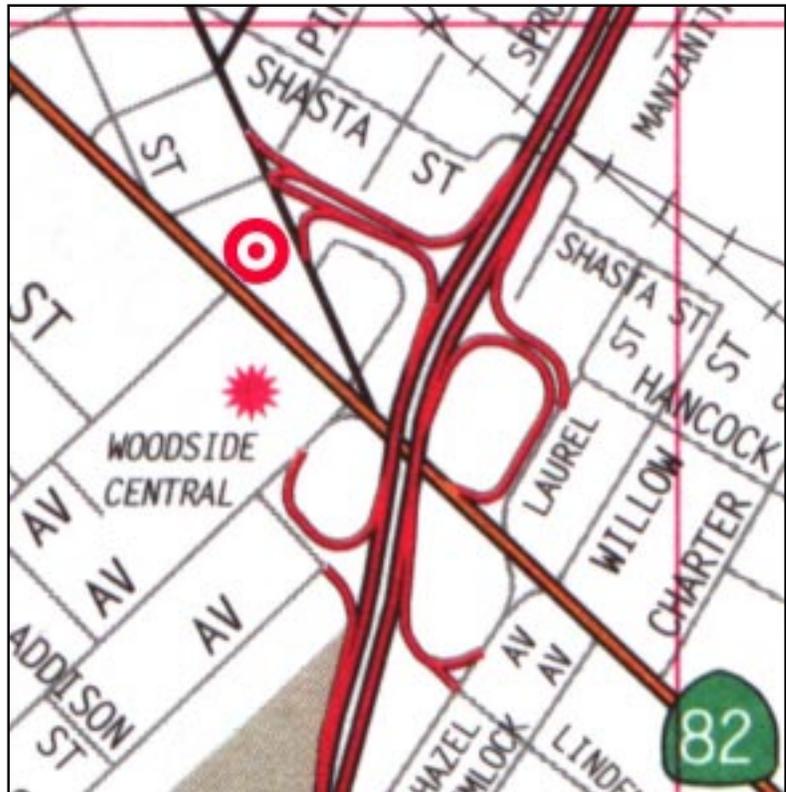
Map and Directions to Meeting

Harry's Hof Brau is fairly easy to find. It's on El Camino Real, just north of Woodside Road (Highway 84).

From Highway 101, take the Woodside Road (Highway 84) West exit to the El Camino North exit. Follow that exit (a short distance) toward El Camino to the stop sign at Main Street. You will practically be in Harry's parking lot! It will be right across the street on your left.

From Highway 280, take the Woodside Road East exit and follow it to the El Camino North exit. Harry's will be on your right just past the underpass.

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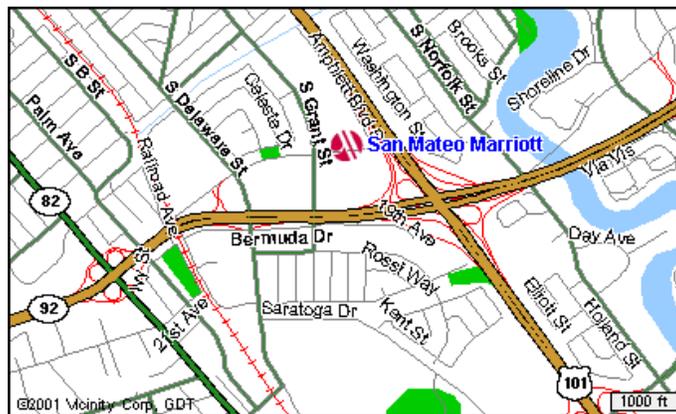


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Map to the San Mateo Marriott



Kingman - Cont'd from Page 4

The saga of activating Kingman Reef as a new country was told in that same issue of the *DXer* by Bob Thompson, K6SSJ (SK), who, at the time, was the outgoing NCDXC President. The story is important, because it gives us an appreciation for the danger and difficulties facing anyone who attempts to operate from this hostile environment. It also, gives us an appreciation for the operators who took part in that first operation. The operators on that first DXpedition to Kingman Reef were; Rusty Epps, W6OAT; Bob Ferrero, K6AHV (who is now, W6RJ); Pete Grabosky, WB6OOL (now, W6OOL) and; Jim Rafferty, WA9UCE/6 (who later became N6RJ and who is now a silent key).

So, when you run into any of the surviving members of this epic adventure, just bear in mind that they are legends in the annals of DXing - every bit as much so, as those who were there most recently.

Well, how did this all happen? It appears that the project was undertaken and sponsored by the NCDXC. However, the largest part of the total expense (in excess of \$12,000) was picked up by the NCDX Foundation. The total cost of that operation will likely never be known, because the participants bore a large chunk of it. However, the NCDXC will be eternally grateful to the Foundation for its financial support.

The group paid over \$6,000 for the charter of the SS Caroline, which sailed out of Hawaii. However, GPS and other navigational aids were not available at that time and the group spent over 24 hours, spanning two days just searching for the reef. Finally, just before sundown on the second day, while sailing in a westerly direction, they caught sight of the reef. They sailed Northwest along the edge of the reef and finally anchored in shallow water (about 30 feet deep) on a shelf at the north end of the reef.

Continued - Next Month

DXer Profile: KG6AM, Dewey Churchill

This month we feature Dewey Churchill, Jr., KG6AM. Dewey has been an active member since February 1984. Dewey lives on a small lot but has managed to maximize his antennas to serve him well. His total country count is 330. All of this achieved with his Mosley MPX 33 at a height of 33 feet! In addition to his HF tri-band Yagi, he also has a slightly modified G5RV. He has many awards and managed to achieve WAS as a Novice - not an easy task. I know, because I also tried this but fell one short before I upgraded. He is now mostly active on SSB, but does not hesitate to jump into a pile up with CW.

His main rig is an ICOM IC-735, which he uses to drive a Heathkit SB-220. His tuners are home brewed and, as you may be able to tell from one of the pictures, his craftsmanship has proved to be quite outstanding.

Dewey was first licensed in 1982 as KA6UOB but quickly upgraded to Extra. He attended ham classes at the Lockheed Radio Club. His interest goes back to the 1940s when he built a crystal set. School, work and family kept him from taking the time to pursue the hobby and get his ticket until close to retirement. But, as you can see, he has rapidly made up for lost time. He is also active in the Sunnyvale Emergency Services. For this purpose has an ICOM IC-730, power supplies and a 40 meter dipole all packaged in a camera suitcase and ready for quick deployment.

Dewey retired from Lockheed after over thirty years. His field? Mostly communication antennas.

Thank you, Dewey, for your suggestions for my upcoming 80 meter antenna project. I will take you up on your kind offer to call for suggestions and advice.

73, Dick, W6KM

Editor's Choice

By the time you read this, Sylvia and I will have likely returned from our vacation. I'm sorry to have missed NI6T's Kingman Reef presentation, but I'm already planning to make the November meeting for K6MD's presentaion.

While reading the July '74 issue of the *DXer*, I noticed many familiar names - names of people who were and have been very involved in the Club. I also noticed that the Club was a bit more "open" with its "purse strings" than we are now. The round trip airfare for Jim Rafferty to present the program at the June meeting was paid by the Club. And another item that stood out to me was the Club's purpose, which I quote;

"The Purposes for which this club is organized are to bring together radio amateurs interested in DX. To elevate the standards of practice and ethics in the use of amateur radio communications. To participate in the exchange of

knowledge, methods or any other expedient that would be mutually beneficial to the members in achieving DX accomplishments."

Are we effectively carrying out our purposes? Something to think about.

73, George, W6YD.

Kudos `n Kredits

The following contributors made this issue possible:

W6CS, W6FDU, W6KM, K6MD, K6RK, W6VG.

Thank you, one and all, for your contributions to the success of your *DXer*.

73, George, W6YD

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